

ANNUAL RALLY DAY OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL

Presence of Bishop Wilson Adds to Interest of Occasion.

FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE

Damage Suit Against Atlantic Coast Line Is Compromised.

Times-Dispatch Bureau.
109 North Spangmore Street,
Petersburg, Va., October 17.
Sunday was a big day with the Methodist Sunday School in Petersburg. Bishop Wilson, of Baltimore, who is to preside at the coming session of the Virginia Conference in Richmond, preached to a great congregation in the Market Street Church in the morning.

The annual rally day services of the High Street Church Sunday school, held twice during the morning and again at night, were attended by large gatherings at each meeting. The Sunday school had 538 of its members present, or 92 per cent. of its active roll, and sixteen of the classes had 100 per cent. of their membership in attendance. The exercises were highly interesting, and the music very fine. In all respects it was the greatest rally in the history of the school.

Methodist N. S. Association.
And then, too, the monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Union Association of Petersburg and Vicinity was held in the afternoon in the Ettrick Church, where, in addition to other exercises, an address was delivered by the Rev. W. H. Atwell.

The reports of the several schools for the four Sabbaths to October 9 inclusive were as follows:

Schools	Reg.	Att.	P.C.
High Street	593	437	74
Washington Street	295	179	67
Market Street	241	185	77
West Street	214	185	86
Wesley	191	145	76
Ettrick	187	139	74
Matoca	124	108	79
Blanford	96	85	87
Totals	2,029	1,504	74

The amount of money collected in the schools was \$373.48.

Deliberately Planned Suicide.
Later details of the suicide on Saturday afternoon of Simon Hite, a well known farmer of Prince George, living about twelve miles from Petersburg, show that the act was very coolly and deliberately planned, and carried out. Hite, who lived alone, went out to the public road some distance from his home, balanced his gun on the branches of some bushes with the muzzle touching his breast and by means of a stick, which he had cut for the purpose, sprung the trigger. The charge tore through his breast and death must have soon resulted.

The body was found by a passing colored man, with the clothes burning, having been set afire by the discharge of the gun. Without stopping to identify the body, the colored man ran to a nearby resident and told him a man was lying in the road and burning up.

The neighbor ran to the spot and identified Mr. Hite. A bucket of water had to be sent for to extinguish the burning clothing, and the body was found to be badly burned. Two cartridges that had been put in the pockets were exploded by the fire.

The body was taken to Mr. Hite's home, where evidence was discovered of the careful planning of the suicide. A full suit of clothing, with clean underwear, had been laid aside, in which to dress him for burial. A note was found telling that his body would be found in the road, directing where money would be found to pay certain small debts, directing that his just obligations should be paid and that his estate should be divided between a brother and two sisters, whom he named.

When a child Mr. Hite suffered a very severe attack of meningitis, which left him totally deaf. He, however, educated himself to read and write and to talk very well. It is believed that mental depression on account of this physical infirmity caused him to take his life. He was devoted to the memory of his mother, who died in February last, and often visited her grave in a nearby cemetery. He visited the grave the day before his death and arranged two planks by its side, indicating that he desired to be buried there. His wishes in this respect were carried out at the funeral yesterday.

It is believed that the suicide was committed in the public road, that the body might quickly be found. Living to himself, if the act had been committed in the house it might not have been found out for some days.

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Suit Compromised.

It is understood that the suit of Miss Martha Corrigan, of Lynchburg, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for damages for personal injuries has been compromised out of court and the case taken from the docket. Miss Corrigan was riding at night as a guest in an automobile, which was struck by a Coast Line train. She was greatly shocked by the accident and somewhat injured. Another guest in the automobile, J. M. Ambold, was thrown under the wheels of a car and suffered the loss of both legs below the knee. He brought suit for \$50,000 damages, which was eventually compromised.

Personal and Otherwise.
Miss Sarah A. Burnette, of this city, and Z. E. Whitney, of North Carolina, eloped yesterday to that State, where they were united in marriage. The event was a great surprise to the friends of the bride.

Rev. J. Francis Ribble recently resigned his position as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, in this city, but will serve as rector until his successor is called. Mr. Ribble's time is closely occupied with his duties at the Bishop Payne Divinity School.

James Williams, a white man, is under arrest here, charged with violation of the cocaine law. On his person were found a number of five-grain capsules believed to contain the dope, and which will be analyzed. Williams claims that he found the capsules in a cell in the Richmond jail, where they had been left by a companion in prison, who had been transferred to the penitentiary.

William F. Fraser, of Petersburg, and Miss Clara Edythe Ballow, of Demopolis, Ala., were married in that city last week. The event was a very brilliant and beautiful church affair.

Sergeant McMillan, of the Fourth Infantry, U. S. A., is in the city for the purpose of instructing the Petersburg Grays. He will be here for some days.

Pastoral Call Accepted.

Rev. H. H. Ambrose, a native of North Carolina, and who has served pastorates in several States, has accepted a call to the pastoral charge of the Washington Street Christian Church, in this city, and will enter on his duties at once.

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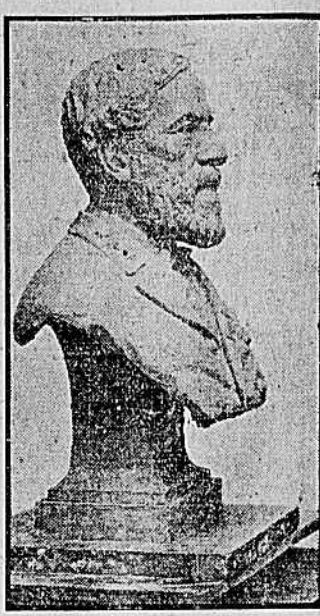
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BUST OF LEE TO RICHMOND BLUES

First Light Infantry of Providence Sends Delegation to Present It.

CEREMONY MOST GRACEFUL

Medal to Captain Jarvis, Only Surviving War Officer Came as a Surprise.



In token of the high appreciation in which the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion is held by the First Light Infantry, of Providence, R. I., and in memory of their visit here on May 10, of this year, a committee of the latter organization last night presented to the Blues' Battalion, through Captain Harry Cutler, a life-size bust of General Robert E. Lee, executed in bronze. The presentation came, as it was intended it should be, a complete surprise to the battalion, though it had been generally whispered abroad that there was to be some special ceremony.

News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau, The Times-Dispatch.

1103 Hull Street.

J. F. Bartham, of 117 West Fourteenth Street, made an attempt upon his life yesterday morning about 11 o'clock at his home by swallowing laudanum. He probably owes his life to the small amount of the drug in the bottle, only about an ounce being emptied. The quantity, however, affected him with lassitude, and after being compelled to walk about at a vigorous pace, he fell and was found by a neighbor.

According to statements of Mrs. P. Crockett, of Wintercock, who is visiting Mrs. Bartham, her sister, Bartham had been under the influence of liquor at the previous night. About an hour before the attempt he told her good-bye, declaring that his intention was to commit suicide. He went upstairs, but she followed him, remonstrated with him, but he grabbed the laudanum and swallowed nearly all the contents. Finally she got the key from him. She immediately telephoned to the police, and Officer Jones answered the summons. The man seemed sorry that his attempt had failed.

The would-be suicide is an employee at the American Locomotive Works in this city. He is a married man, has a small boy, and is about 35 years of age.

Bartham's attempt upon his life follows close upon the two suicides of the last few days. Last Monday, a colored man shot himself through the temple, expiring soon after. Saturday afternoon Clifford Smith, of 415 East Fifth Street, drank four ounces of hot tea containing laudanum, and died Sunday morning.

His funeral was held from his home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Deacons Edwards conducted the services. The burial was in Maury Cemetery. The cause for the man's self-destruction is unknown.

Sent On to Grand Jury.

Although William Lawrence, a Chesterfield negro, and John Bonhart, of Richmond, on Seventh Street, were sent to the grand jury yesterday morning by Police Justice H. A. Maurice for assaulting Oscar H. Wells, a white man, the facts, according to the police, probably point more surely to robbery, although the charge of assault will undoubtedly be sustained. Lawrence and Bonhart are employed in the guano works on the Southside, about a mile from South Richmond. Late in the evening they went to a remote room in the building, supposedly for gaming. There they met two other negro acquaintances, also employees of the works.

Richardson and his companion after a brief time fell asleep. The former, half-asleep, thought he felt some one pulling at his pocket, and warned him to cease. When the two sleeping negroes awoke, they found their pockets had been rifled, the loss amounting to \$13.01. Lawrence and Bonhart had disappeared. Policeman "Mike" Moore was soon upon their trail. He found Lawrence at his home. He discovered a wad of money upon him, but his prisoner said Bonhart had given him \$10.00. A knife was also in his pocket, and as it afterwards turned out had been used to rip open Richardson's pocket to obtain the spoils.

Found Money in Shoe.
The two men were taken to jail, where Moore discovered \$10 in Bonhart's shoe. When questioned in Police Court yesterday morning in relation to the foot-money, the latter declared that he agreed God he didn't steal it. Lawrence stuck to his original story, but Bonhart was contradictory. The men were placed under a peace bond of \$250, for twelve months, and in default were committed to jail.

In Hustings Court, Part 2, yesterday morning Judge Henry H. Wells presiding, the case of Ella Boone against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company was called.

on the occasion of a reception and dance given by the Blues' Association, and Governor and Mrs. Mann and members of his staff, and Mayor and Mrs. Richardson and other city officials were present.

Drawn up in a hollow square, 150 strong, the battalion heard the presentation address of Captain Cutler and the address in acceptance by Major E. W. Bowles, and witnessed the presentation to Captain George W. Jarvis, the only surviving war captain of the Blues, a medal given by the association, of which he was formerly president.

Visitors Filled Gallery.
The gallery was filled with visitors, and there were at least 500 people present to witness the linking of the two organizations, one from the North and the other from the South, together in a bond of former friendship than they have ever known.

The committee appointed by the First Light Infantry of Providence, consisting of Colonel Joseph E. Fletcher, commanding; Major Charles W. Higgins, Captain Walter M. Baker, Captain Harry Cutler, Captain J. Minshel, First Lieutenant Bryce D. Armour, First Lieutenant Henry J. Hoge, Second Lieutenant John C. Hedden, Major Leander C. Belcher, of the First Light Infantry Veterans' Association, and Privates Fred D. Austin and Edward C. Baker and Charles Alexander, honorary member, Lieutenant Armour was chairman of the committee. They were accompanied by Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Cutler and Mrs. Minshel.

Colonel Fletcher, formerly president of the Blues' Association, introduced the speakers and mentioned the occasion of the visit of the Providence soldiers. Captain Cutler saluted in true military style and then stepped into the middle of the hollow square, facing the gallery, where the Richmond society was well represented. In a few words he told the reason of his coming—to give in some tangible form expression of the fraternal relationship existing between the sons of the South and the rugged North.

At the proper moment in the address the handsome bronze bust was undraped of its covering of United States and Confederate flags, and applause rang through the big drill hall.

A few words, Major Bowles accepted the gift on behalf of the battalion, voicing sentiments in answer to the spirit of the givers, and saying how appropriate it was that the two organizations should be gathered around a bust of the peerless man of the South.

Medal to Capt. Jarvis.

A further surprise was caused when Captain Jarvis, only surviving war captain of the Blues, was called into the middle of the square of uniformed soldiers. In regard to his long service in the Blues, both during and after the war, Colonel Cutcher presented him with a handsome gold medal, suitably inscribed, as the gift of the association. Captain Jarvis was so overcome he could barely express himself, and his voice was drowned in deafening applause.

When a place is found for the bronze bust, the Providence organization will give a pedestal on which it is to be placed, and the emblems of the two organizations will be twined together in one figure.

After the presentation ceremonies, there was a german, led by William Mayo. The mingling of the blue and white uniforms of the Richmond Blues and the crimson and gold of the visitors with the bright dresses of the women, made a fanciful scene of light and color, and the happy occasion will not soon be forgotten.

The visitors were entertained yesterday at the Commonwealth and Country Club. The members will return tomorrow by the train for James River, where they wish to see some of the historic places.

WORK HELD UP BY PROPERTY OWNERS

Clay Ward Paving Fund Diverted as They Would Not Release City From Damage.

Main Street is to be curbed and paved with granite spalls from side to side for four or more blocks west of Vine Street, if the recommendation of the Council Committee on Streets made last night is adopted. Some months ago the committee ordered the grading of Strawberry, Beverly and other streets in Clay Ward. After the bids had been opened, it was found that many property-owners would not release the city from possible damage by reason of the changes in grades. The contracts were, therefore, annulled last night, and the certified checks ordered returned to the contracting firms. The fund will be used to curb and gutter and pave on Main as far as it will go, the street car company paying between its tracks.

The whole question of damages to abutting property-owners by reason of changes in grades on streets was discussed by the committee last night. City Attorney Pollard making a statement.

Death of Mrs. McCann.
Mrs. McCann, sixty-six years of age, wife of Henry McCann, of 2501

Clay Street, died Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow at the residence of the deceased, 2501 Clay Street.

Wedding Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wheeler have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Helen Gertrude, to Dr. Thomas David Jones, of South Richmond, the ceremony to take place at the residence of the bride, Elma, Va., November 2.

A series of revival services will begin at Oak Grove Baptist Church on October 23. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. T. Haley, of Stockton Street Baptist Church.

At a meeting of the Instructive Nurses' Association last week the following report was drawn up: "The instructive visiting Nurses' Association of this city has been doing valiant service for the sick and needy of the Southside. The report of Miss Pollard, district nurse, of the Southside, at the meeting of the association last Tuesday, shows the following results:

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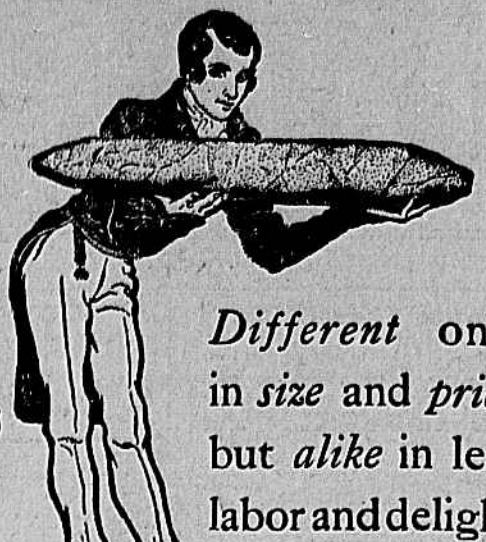
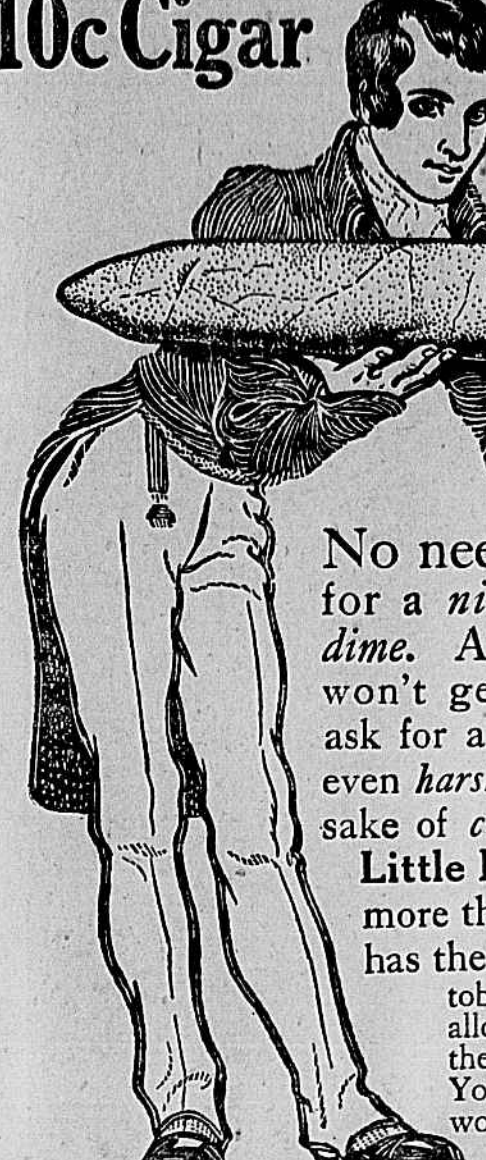
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Hull Street, Swansboro, died Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Winn. She leaves a daughter and four sons. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from the West End Methodist Church and the interment was in Maury Cemetery.

William Ray Llewellyn, the four-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Llewellyn, of 25 West Seventh Street, died Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The body was taken to Warren, Va., for burial.

Under the new Constitution, no property can be taken or damaged without compensation. Mr. Pollard explained that the city might save the cost of delay and condemnation proceedings by appointing an assessor of damages, and an ordinance was recommended to the Council creating such an office, at an annual salary of \$500.

The Mills resolution appropriating \$50,000 for smooth paving Broad Street was tabled indefinitely. It being understood that no action would be taken until the Finance Committee provides the funds for a deep sewer in that street.

Mr. Billy asked why the men on the street force had not been paid for their time on Richmond Day at the State Fair, and was told that the City Attorney had ruled that the Mayor had no authority to protract the matter, but the matter was referred to the City Engineer to consult the City Attorney and department heads and report a uniform custom for such occasions.

When court adjourned to-night O. D. Batchelor had finished the opening argument on the demurrer and motion. The argument will not be concluded before to-morrow night.

The defendants are officers and members of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association, who were found guilty by Justice Brown in the Police Court of unlawful conspiring to fix and control fire insurance rates in Newport News.

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